

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Tuesday Morning, January 8, 1867

TO ADVERTISERS.

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TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be commenced the day and two issues will be published at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

The Seat of Government.

The meeting last evening at the theatre was one of the largest and most respectable gatherings ever held here. The remarks of the speakers were generally well-timed and temperate, but forcible and resolute. The proposition to leave the question for the Council to settle we consider a fair and honorable one. Of all the popular members only one—the representative of New Westminster—would vote against a proposition for the removal of the seat of Government to a place so admirably adapted by nature for the capital of the United Colonies as Victoria. And the official members, if unfettered in their action, must decide, quite as unanimously, in favor of Victoria. From Cariboo to Yale, on the mainland, and from Cape Mudge to Victoria, on the Island, the decision is already given in favor of establishing the seat of Government here. Can the Governor turn a deaf ear to the petitions that will soon reach him from every quarter? Can he forget his pledge to govern according to the "well-understood wishes of the people?" We think not. We believe that His Excellency will accede to the demand of the popular voice, and that, if it be properly brought to his attention, he will lay the matter before the Council at its first sitting. This action would relieve him of responsibility in the premises, and would place the weight on the shoulders of the Legislative Councillors. There is no time to be lost. The Council will meet on the 24th instant, and, in the meantime, the question should be brought prominently to the notice of the Governor.

THE CAPITAL!

MASS MEETING AT THE THEATRE!
The theatre was filled to its utmost capacity last evening, upon the call of the Mayor by the citizens of Vancouver Island, and residents from Cariboo and other parts of the mainland, who had gathered to discuss the question of a change of the Seat of Government.

His Worship Mayor Macdonald, took the chair at 8:15 o'clock. Among the gentlemen on the platform were: Hon. R. Finlayson, Hon. Amor DeCosmos, Hon. Dr Holmekin, Mr Franklin, Mr Ring, Dr Carroll (of Nanaimo), Mr Cochrane, Mr Drake, Mr Burnaby, Mr Robertson, Councillors Gowen, Lewis, Lazelle, Hebbard and Gibbs.

The meeting having been called to order, Mr Wm. Leigh was appointed Secretary.

Hon. Mr Finlayson moved the first resolution, which read as follows:

Resolved—That in the opinion of this meeting, the seat of Government should be located where it will meet with the convenience of, and afford the greatest accommodation to the majority of the inhabitants of the Colony.

Mr Finlayson said that Victoria was the most eligible place for the location of the Capital, and that it would be a waste of money to erect buildings elsewhere now. When the Colony was more advanced, the Capital might be removed to some part in the interior, but at present the requirements of the Colony demanded that the seat of Government should be here (cheers).

Mr Carroll, of Nanaimo, had great pleasure in seconding the resolution. He had no interests in Victoria or in New Westminster. His interests were in Nanaimo, but he had no jealousy in favor of that town as the capital. He would lay aside all personal interest, and could truthfully pronounce Victoria to be the handsomest place he had seen on the continent, and contained some of the best men he had ever met (applause). Let the people say where the capital should be, and let us abide by the consequences. If the majority of the people outside of Victoria chose New Westminster as the capital, Victoria would bow to the decision; and if Victoria was chosen, the choice would be celebrated in a proper manner. Let the people, through their representatives, say where the capital shall be (applause).

The resolution was carried with only one hand in opposition.

Mr Robert Burnaby moved the second resolution, as follows:

Resolved—That in the opinion of this meeting, Victoria is the most suitable place that can be selected for the Seat of Government, and that its selection for that purpose would meet with the concurrence of the majority of the inhabitants of the Colony, whether they reside on the mainland, or on the Island.

Mr Burnaby continued that His Excellency had stated that he could only be governed by the well understood wishes of the people, and [Mr Burnaby] was sure that the voice of the whole people from Cariboo to Victoria would be brought to bear upon this question. The discussions should be temperate but forcible. He was opposed to political agitation—it had been the curse of the Colony in the past. But popular views should always be expressed in a determined and forcible manner. Capital had been invested here because it was believed that Victoria was the natural place for the capital, and the place at which the commerce of the country would naturally centre. He maintained that all whom he saw around him had invested their means here with that understanding (applause). Every interest—merantile, manufacturing and church—had centered here as the natural point for commerce and the seat of government. Of course the capital could not be removed without some interests being sacrificed; but it was the interests of many of Victoria and Vancouver Island that must be studied and preserved, even at some loss to the smaller communities elsewhere. The interests of the largest number of people and the greatest amount of capital must be considered in dealing with the question. It is injustice to do any section, let compensation be made to the people complaining, if it can be shown that they have suffered any injury. There was scarcely room for two large seaport cities on the coast of British North America. If New Westminster and Victoria continued to pull in opposite directions,

they would be like the two men who went to law about a cow. The man who lost it appealed, and won it in a higher court; it was carried to a higher tribunal, and finally the litigants lost all their money, and the cow was sold for costs [laughter]. A very funny print was got out to illustrate the case; there were two men—one pulling at the tail, and the other at the head of the animal, and a lawyer sitting down milking the cow [laughter]. If the two cities went on pulling against each other, the colony would be the cow, and Brother Jonathan would milk it. [great laughter]

If the business of the Colony was to be carried on there must be convenient offices;

we have them here and they have none at New Westminster. The colony could not afford to build new ones and the government should not be allowed to let the buildings go to each and ruin and expend money in erecting others elsewhere. It had been said that the capital was fixed by law at New Westminster. But it was located there when a different state of affairs existed. Before Union it was necessary that a place should be chosen for the seat of government on the mainland; but there was no engagement or obligation given that it should remain there after Union. It was continued at that point the policy would be unjust, unequal and foolish, and would bring both sections to grief. (applause). The people should express their opinion that the matter should be left to the free and open voice of the people—that it should be left to the untrammeled and unfettered authority of the Councillors. If that were done he was sure that the intelligence of the people would be satisfied and their sense of justice also (applause). He called on Mr Robertson to speak as to the feeling on the mainland. Let the people hold together firm and fast. Trust the government as long as they will carry out the wishes of the people. If they fail, let the people unite and oppose them. (prolonged applause)

Mr A. R. Robertson came forward to second the resolution, saying that he conceived it to be the bounden duty of every citizen to do what he could to advance the interests of his adopted country. He believed His Excellency would act in accordance with the well understood wishes of the people [applause]. He drew this belief from the letters and expressions of Governor Seymour since his return to the Colony. Boldly and deliberately, the speaker said, he would assert, that with the exception of the few who had interests in New Westminster, the minors to a man were in favor of Victoria as the capital (applause). It was impossible that there could be too large cities; and if we wished to build up one we must concentrate our exertions to build up Victoria (renewed applause). The Americans had shown at Big Bend what they could do towards supplying the Colony. If they could do this with a section, what would not do if the whole trials of the Colony lay at their command? And the Americans could place the whole Colony under tribute to them if the merchants of Victoria were driven to seek a location elsewhere. The speaker alluded to the want of capital to carry on mining operations, and applying that want to our present position, said that the only way we could inspire the English public and capitalists with confidence was by building up Victoria. The best test of the prosperity of the country would be for the Government to show one prosperous, thriving city. (Applause) If New Westminster were made the capital, another blow would be struck at Victoria without doing any permanent good for New Westminster. The naval station was here and must remain here. Capt. Richards gave it as his opinion that the head of navigation was at Victoria. It was practicable to take sea-going vessels to New Westminster, but it was not a passage that a man who cared much for his vessel or his reputation would care about making. (Applause) Mr Robertson again expressed his entire confidence in the Government, and said that in weighing the rights of Victoria and New Westminster in the scale, the latter's rights to the capital were "lighter than a feather shaken from the hand's wing." Mr Robertson retired amid much applause.

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Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED

Jan 7—Star Fisherman, Astoria
Ship Forest, Bradley, San Juan
Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Ship Nicholas Biddle, Howe, Nanaimo
Schr Discovery, Hudson's Bay
Ship Alarm, Hollis, Nanaimo
CLEARED.

Jan 7—Star Fisherman, New Westminster
Ship Nicholas Biddle, Howe, Nanaimo
Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Star Fisherman, Chittenden
Star Early Light, Frat, Nanaimo
Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Schr Clancy, Robinson, Port Townsend
Ship Forest, Franks, San Juan
Ship Alarm, Hollis, Nanaimo

PASSENGERS.

Per star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—
Mr. May, F. Mowat, John G. and Miss Lucy,
Manuel Josephs, Buchanan, Robt Craney, G. Sutro,
Langton, S. W. Whitmore, J. A. Hall, Wesley, J. Murphy, J.
Kaukas, Frederick and Mrs. Mrs. G. L. Jones, J.
Dugay, J. Brattin, W. Breden, Rund, Martin, George
Jones, Captain Perkins, Osgood, W. J. Burns, McKinley

CONSIGNEES.

Per star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—
10 lbs apples, 10 lbs sugar, 15 lbs logs, 27 lbs bran, 2 lbs aples.
Value \$29 45

IMPORTS

Per star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—
10 lbs apples, 10 lbs sugar, 15 lbs logs, 27 lbs bran, 2 lbs aples.
Value \$29 45

Auction Sales To-day.

J. A. MCREA.....Wharf street.....will sell, at 11 o'clock a.m., at Salesroom, Bedstead, Mattresses, Bureau, Washstand, Mirror, Curtains, Paintings, &c.; also at 12 o'clock, Real Estate.

P. M. BACKUS.....Wharf street.....will sell, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on the Premises, Yates street, the Household Furniture lately belonging to L'Hoteller

By Electric Telegraph

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES**Canada.**

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The remaining Fenian prisoners, numbering thirty-two, will be tried January 10. No delay will be conceded. The prisoners convicted at Sweetsburg are to be pardoned.

LONDON, C. W., Dec. 31.—A collision occurred at Sarnia junction, between the branch train and one of the main line, by which several were injured, two fatally.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—A passenger coach at the Grand Trunk Railroad, rolled over an embankment, near Park Hill, on Saturday. The fall was seventy feet; several were badly bruised.

South America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—On the Isthmus of Darien, Mosquera continues to war on the church. War material crossing for the Pacific Republics at war with Spain, was ordered to be seized.

Peru still talks of war.

Europe.

COWES, Eng., Dec. 31.—The New York yachts sailed from Osborne House, on Saturday last. The Queen witnessed their manoeuvres, and expressed her approbation at the exhibition. A match has been made up

between the Henrietta, Captain Bennett, and the Duke of Edinburgh's yacht, Viking. The race will take place in August next, and the course will be around the Isle of Wight. The Duke will sail his own yacht.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Captain Bennett and Mr. McVicker visited the Queen and dined with the Duke of Edinburgh. They have been invited to the Mersey Yacht Club Ball, at London, which is to follow the regular yearly review of the Squadron.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—A royal decree has been published, which abolishes the tonnage dues in French ports, except on vessels which arrive from the United States, and such other countries as impose differential duties on French vessels.

MADRID, Dec. 31.—The Cortes has been dissolved by the Queen.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Evening.—The Times of this morning has a complaining editorial on the toleration of the Fenians by the U. S. Government:

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Arrests continue to be made in Ireland.

A large portion of the Crystal Palace which has been used for the exhibition of tropical products was destroyed by fire, early this morning—loss, £300,000.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—Gunboat Swatara left Alexandria with Surratt on board.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The steamship Active sailed at noon, to-day for Victoria, with a full freight.

DELAYED DESPATCHES.**Mexican Affairs.**

Escobera left Monterey on the 18th, having on the 17th issued a proclamation, declaring null the decrees and all acts of functionaries not sanctioned by the Liberal Canadas; and Cortinas marched on the 11th ostensibly for the interior. It is noticed they limit themselves to Tamaulipas. The movements of Ortega are very secret.

Vera Cruz dates to the 6th confirm the news of Maximilian's proclamation. He will remain. The Imperial papers say this decision creates joy; but the Estafeta, (Bazine's organ) says all rejoicing was by the clergy, and that the people are disgusted, and will never submit. The French party wish him to go, but not till after appointing Bazine.

RENT.

New York, Dec. 23.—At Havana it was reported Bazine endeavored to communicate with Sherman and Campbell, intimating a wish for aid in completing the evacuation. Sherman replied that the French got themselves into a difficult position, and might get out as they could.

The French seized the Vera Cruz Custom House on December 19th.

Information has been received here from such a source as to induce the Government to believe the report of the execution of Escobera, at the instance of Canadas.

The Times special correspondent at New Orleans says the mission of Gen. Sherman, although not accomplishing all expected, was by no means a failure. In the first place the Envys avoided all appearance of communication with the French authorities, by not landing at Vera Cruz; and sought the Republican authority under Juarez whom they found at Tampico, and again at Matamoras. The result of their conference is that a joint plan of action has been determined upon between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, to go into effect after the withdrawal of the French. Juarez will transfer his seat of government to a point nameless at present. Sherman said "the entire

plans have been laid before me, and I consider them upon the whole, judicious and prudent." The correspondent further says he has grounds for believing that in case any fragments of Imperial power remain after the departure of the French, the United States troops will be marched over the Rio Grande to support Juarez.

Eastern States.

The New York Herald and New York Times advocate the election of Horace Greeley to the United States Senate in place of Harris, whose term will expire in March.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The President tonight visited the Masonic Fair by invitation. He was received by the Knights Templars with the honors of the order. A large number of spectators, forming in line, passed to where he was standing, and paid their respects.

The ship David Crockett, from San Francisco, has made the shortest passage on record, 94 days.

The Commissioners appointed by Congress to select a site for the New Post Office have decided to accept the location at the lower end of the City Hall Park.

Latest news from Matamoras confirm the reported hanging of Escobedo by Canadas. It is believed Ortega instigated the murder.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The steamer Commodore, lost on the Sound last night, was valued at \$150,000, and insured for \$60,000.

The steamship Cuba took out \$120,000 in specie.

Charles Reade, the novelist, has commenced a libel suit against the editors of the "Round Table."

The constitutionality of the Civil Rights Act will soon be tested in a case before the Supreme Court, made up in Maryland.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Flour quiet and firm; trade brands, \$12 25. Wheat unchanged.

Yesterday was the dullest Christmas for twenty years.

Roscoe Conkling appears to have the inside track for the New York Senatorship.

Application for a writ of habeas corpus in favor of Dr. Mudd was made direct to Chief Justice Chase, who will do it. It will probably be made next to the Superior Court, where its fate will be the same.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Ways and Means Committee are supposed to favor the gradual sale of gold at public auction to an amount not exceeding forty million dollars.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28.—On Christmas day, at New Ulm, three men were playing cards, when one, named Skinner, was stabbed so badly that he soon died to death. The others were arrested by the Sheriff, and while on the way to the Magistrate's, handcuffed, were seized by a drunken mob and hanged. While hanging, their bodies received a number of cuts from knives. New Ulm is on the frontier, and was the scene of the Indian tragedy in 1862.

The President has issued a Proclamation declaring that after Jan 1st, vessels of the United States will be subjected to the same tonnage duties as the French in ports of France, and therefore French vessels will be charged the same tonnage duties in our ports. The question of sustaining Juarez in war against Imperialist usurpation in Mexico and the contending factions of that country for another year, involving as it does the safety of American interests, is being seriously discussed at the present time; and it is understood that a movement is on foot looking to the raising of a loan for that purpose. Gen. Banks is said to be favorable to the preposition of a loan, and confidence is expressed that the committee will report a bill to that effect.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—At the regular monthly meeting of this body yesterday, a committee was appointed to draft a modified tariff, to be forwarded to Governor Seymour, agreeable to the suggestion of His Excellency. James Lowe, Esq., who for twelve months past has ably filled the office of President of the Chamber, thanked the members for the warm support they had extended him, and announced his intention of proceeding to the Sandwich Islands in quest of health. On arrival of Mr. Burnaby, seconded by Mr. J. R. Stewart, the thanks of the Chamber were tendered, by acclamation, to Mr. Lowe for the able and impartial manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office.

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